Indo-US ventures on helicopters

@*221-A. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement to set up an Indo-US venture on helicopters has recently been made; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No agreement to set up an Indo-US venture on helicopters has been made. However, M|s. Naras Avionics Inc., USA has been issued a Letter of Approval on 19-1-87 to manufacture and export airframes and skin panels for helicopters in the Madras Export Processing Zone. The project is to be implemented with the technical collaboration and buy-back arrangements with M|s. Hynes Aviation Industries Inc., USA, who require these components for the production of two specific models of helicopters.

Liberalised financial assistance by NABARD

*225. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has liberalised its terms, like reduction in margin money, waiving collateral security or third party guarantee to extend financial assistance under its various non-farm activities to boost rural economy for generation of employment through greater rural industrialisation; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NABARD has recently extended a separate project refinance scheme for financing small scale agro industries on liberal terms; if so, what are the details thereof and formalities required from individuals| group of persons under this scheme; and

(c) whether NABARD has issued instructions to the scheduled commercial banks in this matter; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has liberalised its terms and conditions for providing refinance to non-farm sector and some of the salient features of the liberalised scheme are as follows:

(i) The scale of refinance which was earlier 90 per cent of loan amount has now been increased to 100 per cent.

(ii) Margin money is also being made available to deserving rural entrepreneurs.

(iii) The State Land Development Banks have also been made eligible for non-farm sector refinance of NABARD.

(iv) The ceiling of Rs. 5 lakhs for NABARD refinance to industrial cooperatives has been removed.

(v) Margin requirements for opening show-rooms have been reduced from 25 per cent to 10 per cent for cooperatives and to 15 per cent for Corporations.

NABARD has launched a new project finance scheme for agro-based industries. The promoters are required to submit specific projects, on a format prescribed by NABARD, to the financing banks. Necessary instructions|guidelines in this regard have already been issued by NABARD to financing banks in August, 1987.

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